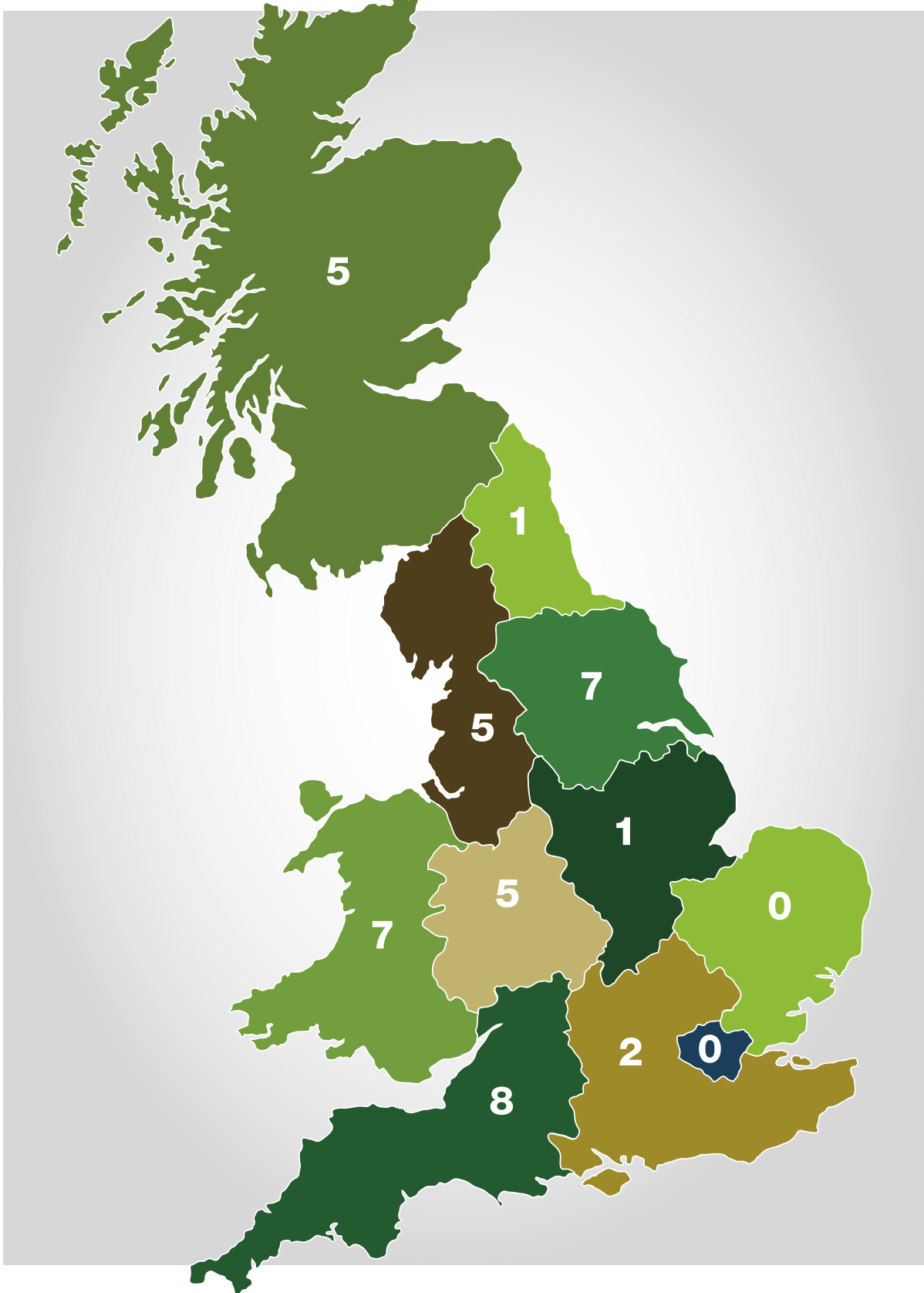


Summary of fatal injuries in agriculture, forestry and fishing in Great Britain

1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021



Number of fatalities by geographical area 2020/21(p)



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South East

- A 56-year-old self-employed farm partner was trampled by bulls. He was collecting some products from the building behind the bull pen when he was attacked and killed.
- A 47-year-old self-employed farm partner was found trapped between a tractor and sprayer tank. He was dealing with an oil leak on the sprayer's boom when the frame descended and crushed him against the tank.

Wales

- A 45-year-old self-employed farm partner was found trapped under his tractor. He was applying fertiliser with a tractor and spreader when he lost control on the slope and the tractor rolled, ejecting him from the cab. He was found crushed beneath the tractor with the engine still running.
- A 63-year-old self-employed agricultural contractor was struck by an excavator bucket. He was installing a drainage system in a field. The excavator driver was depositing soil into the trench and when moving the bucket back to collect more soil hit the worker, killing him.
- A 68-year-old self-employed farm partner was pinned against a wall by a skid steer loader. He was distributing straw in a pen that contained a newly born calf and its mother. The cow tried to get out of the pen and to stop it escaping, the driver of the loader attempted to block the exit. As the driver moved the loader, it struck the farmer and crushed him against a wall.
- A 48-year-old self-employed contractor was killed when his ATV quad bike overturned on a slope. He was going to do some spraying and had a pesticides tank attached to rear of the ATV. The quad overturned, trapping and crushing him underneath. He was not wearing a helmet.
- A 57-year-old self-employed farmer and his 19-year-old son were attacked and killed by a bull water buffalo. The farmer entered a field to sort out a problem and was attacked and killed by the bull. His son tried to get him to safety but was also knocked to the ground and gored. He received fatal injuries and died later in hospital.

- A 53-year-old self-employed farmer was found killed near a skid steer loader with the engine still running with an upturned water container nearby. He had died from crush injuries.

South West

- A 13-year-old child overturned an ATV quad bike and was killed. She had ridden the farm quad bike to attend to the horses. She died from neck injuries and hadn't been wearing a helmet.
- A 68-year-old self-employed farmer was trampled to death by cattle. He had entered a pen to check on cows about to give birth.
- A 64-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when her tractor overturned whilst collecting bales. While on a slope, she lost control and the tractor rolled multiple times. She was thrown from the cab and died from multiple injuries.
- A 80-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when his tractor overturned on a steep slope trapping him underneath. He was cutting scrub vegetation with a tractor and flail mower. He died from crush injuries.
- A 76-year-old self-employed farmer was killed after being caught up on a baler's unguarded PTO shaft. He had left the tractor cab with the engine running. He died from serious injuries.
- A 63-year-old forestry sub-contractor was killed when he was struck by a falling tree branch. He was felling Ash trees with his chainsaw when a branch from another tree broke and fell. He was crushed.
- A 40-year-old farm worker was killed when he was struck by a concrete slab. He was walking past a barn to fetch cows for milking when a concrete panel became dislodged and fell on him. He died from head injuries.
- A 49-year-old worker was killed when he was struck by a falling tree. He was helping collect the wood from a tree that had been felled, when another nearby tree fell and crushed him.

West Midlands

- A 61-year-old self-employed contractor was killed when he fell through a fragile roof. He was replacing a broken panel when he fell through a skylight onto the concrete floor below. He died from head injuries.
- A 86-year-old self-employed farmer was run over and killed by a tractor and mower. He was going to cut grass and thistles but didn't return. He was found at the rear of the tractor with its engine still running.

- A 76-year-old self-employed farm partner was trampled to death in a field by a bull. He had planned to return the bull to its pen. He died from severe chest injuries.
- A 64-year-old farm worker was killed when trapped under a trailer tailgate. He was standing at the rear of the silage trailer when the farmer began to close the tailgate using the tractor controls. He died from serious chest injuries.
- A 71-year-old self-employed farm partner was trampled and killed by cattle. She went to check on a newborn calf. She was found in the field with serious injuries.

East Midlands

- A 20-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he overturned an ATV quad bike. He was carrying fence posts on the front of the bike and driving down a steep slope. The ATV overturned and crushed him.

Yorkshire and the Humber

- A 71-year-old self-employed farm partner was found in a field trapped between a tractor and flail topper. He was adjusting the topper's height settings with the tractor engine running. He died from serious crush injuries.
- A 82-year-old member of the public was trampled and killed by cattle. He and his wife were walking their dogs on a public footpath through a field with cattle and young calves. His wife suffered serious injuries and was taken to hospital.
- A 40-year-old farm worker was killed when trapped by a grass box attached to a lawn tractor. He was using the machine to cut grass and having emptied the grass box pulled forward away from the heap. He was found with his head caught between the back of the mower and the grass box, with the engine running.
- A 72-year-old self-employed farmer was crushed and killed when he overturned a telehandler. He was driving back to the farm yard when the telehandler overturned down an embankment. He was ejected from the cab and crushed as the machine rolled.
- A 59-year-old member of the public was trampled and killed by cattle with young calves. He was walking his dogs, which were not on a lead, on a public footpath through a field. He died from serious injuries.

- A 56-year-old member of the public was trampled and killed by cattle. He and his wife were both walking their dogs on a public footpath through a field when charged by cattle with calves. He died from serious chest injuries and his wife was taken to hospital with injuries.
- A 19-year-old farm worker was killed when he became trapped between a trailer bed and its chassis. The bed of the trailer had been raised. A loss of hydraulic pressure allowed the trailer bed to descend, trapping him between the chassis and the trailer body.

North East

- A 72-year-old member of the public was trampled and killed by cattle in a field. He was walking on a public footpath when he was attacked. He died from serious injuries.

North West

- A 52-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he became trapped under an ATV quad bike. He had been checking sheep on a fell. While riding up a slope his quad bike struck a fallen tree and overturned. He was discovered later and was not wearing a helmet.
- A 2-year-old child was killed when overcome by slurry fumes. He was playing unsupervised in the farmyard. He had entered the slurry pit area through a gap in the fence and was exposed to slurry gases. He was found collapsed and died as a result of asphyxiation.
- A 62-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he fell through a fragile roof. He was repairing the cubicle shed roof when he fell through the corrugated asbestos cement roof sheet onto the concrete floor below. He died from serious injuries.
- A 47-year-old worker was killed unloading bales from a trailer. As he released straps, a group of bales at the rear of the trailer fell and struck him. He died from crush injuries.
- A 64-year-old self-employed contractor, repairing a roof, was killed when he fell from a potato box being lifted by a farmer using a fork lift truck (FLT). The box slipped from the forks. He fell with it and died from serious head injuries.

Scotland

- A 71-year-old self-employed farm partner was killed when he became trapped under an ATV quad bike. He was riding the bike over moorland and had attempted to cross a stream. The ATV overturned and he was crushed underneath.
- A 53-year-old self-employed farmer was killed when he lost control of his ATV quad bike. He was moving cattle from one field to another. He turned the bike sharply, causing the quad to roll. He was thrown clear but landed on his back. He died from serious injuries.
- A 27-year-old worker was killed when an ATV quad bike overturned. He was found underneath the machine.
- A 61-year-old farm worker was attacked and killed by a bull. He went to fetch some cattle from the field for hoof trimming and was butted by the bull. He died from serious chest injuries.
- A 54-year-old casual farm worker died in hospital from serious burn injuries sustained after his clothes caught fire while he was assisting at a muirburn (a deliberate heather burning activity).

This document provides a very short summary of each fatality in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing in Great Britain report 2020/21.

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